



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At the Special Meeting held May 9, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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The Board received and filed and took under advisement requests and statements made relating to the 2007-08 Proposed County Budget during the morning portion of the hearing, as follows (Supervisors Knabe and Antonovich being absent):

1. Statement of Bruce Saltzer, Executive Director, Association of Community Human Services Agencies (ACHSA), requesting increased funding for the Probation Department's Suitable Placement program staffing and resource needs.
2. Statement of Charles Rich, Executive Director, David and Margaret Youth and Family Services and Chair of the Association of Community Human Services Agencies Probation Committee, requesting funding for the Probation Department's Suitable Placement program to address various issues service providers face in the following areas, as further detailed in his attached written testimony dated May 9, 2007:
 - Lack of timely submissions of Case Plans for youth;
 - Transitional Independent Living Plans;
 - Home visit inspections to begin reintegration of youth to their homes and communities; and
 - Finalization of procedures and policies for distribution to Probation staff.
3. Statement of Mr. Jameel Ali, an employee of Harbor/UCLA Medical Center and member of SEIU Local 721, requesting increased funding for Respiratory Therapy positions within the Department of Health Services, to reduce staffing shortages and thereby enhance patient care.

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4. Statement of Paul Schmidt, an employee of LAC+USC Medical Center Women's Hospital and member of SEIU Local 721, requesting an increased allocation for Respiratory Care Nurses to Third level classifications to attract experienced and talented respiratory therapists from schools and contending hospitals.
5. Statement of Deborah Myles, an employee of LAC+USC Medical Center and a member of SEIU Local 721, requesting an allocation of additional funds for respiratory care positions and salaries.
6. Statement of Natalie Ambrose, representing the Area Agency on Aging Council, requesting funds for Community and Senior Services to develop staff that can provide leadership and technical support to agencies and local groups who provide services to seniors, as further detailed in her attached written testimony dated May 9, 2007.
7. Statement of Josh Rutkoff, a member of SEIU Local 721, regarding the allocation of positions, reclassifications and allocating funds for respiratory care practitioner positions for the Department of Health Services.
8. Statement of Marvin Schachter, representing the Advisory Council to the Los Angeles County Area Agency on Aging and AARP, requesting funding for the Department of Community and Senior Services, to support the following programs and activities throughout the County for seniors, as further detailed in the attached written testimony dated May 9, 2007:
 - Home Delivered Meals Program
 - Transportation program
 - Staff Support
9. Statement of Bob Erlenbusch, representing the Los Angeles Coalition to End Hunger and Homelessness, requesting ongoing funding to support the Homeless Prevention Initiatives to continue to end and prevent homelessness in Los Angeles County.
10. Statement of Rachel Feldstein, Associate Director of New Directions, requesting ongoing homeless prevention money and the need for consistent operating resources to provide trauma service and support to all veterans.

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11. Statement of Denise Michelle-Torres, a recipient of services provided by the Tarzana Treatment Center, requesting continued financing to support the services provided by the Center for homeless veterans.
12. Statement of Susan Burton, a representative of A New Way of Life and, Board member of the Coalition to End Hunger Service Provider in the Service Planning Area 6, requesting continued funding to provide homeless outreach and services to women and their children transitioning from jails and foster care.
13. Statement of Ruth Mayfield, a representative of A New Way of Life regarding the need for funding to allow homeless persons improved access to various services.
14. Statement of Susie Shannon, Executive Director of Poverty Matters, requesting funds to allocate services to the homeless population on Skid Row.
15. Statement of Gilbert Saldate, a member of the Board of Directors of Los Angeles to End Homelessness and representative of the Tri-City Mental Health, and member of the East San Gabriel Homeless Consortium, requesting funds be placed in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 budget for provision of services to the homeless.
16. Statement of Carrie Gatlin, Director, of Eimago Inc., Union Rescue Mission, requesting continued support of the public/private partnerships with funding.
17. Statement of Walter L. Johnson, requesting additional funds to prevent the homelessness of persons being released from the County's jails and hospitals.

The Board recessed until the afternoon.

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The Board received and filed and took under advisement requests and statements made relating to the 2007-08 Proposed County Budget during the afternoon portion of the hearing, as follows (All Supervisors were present):

18. Statement of Ms. Mariko Kahn representing the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council, making various recommendations in the following areas, as further detailed in her attached written overview dated May 2007:
 - Older Adults;
 - Family Preservation;
 - Cultural and Linguistic Services at County Health Care Facilities; and
 - Mental Health
19. Statement of Lawrence Lue, Executive Director for China Town Services, representing the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council, requesting funds for the following:
 - The Asian Pacific Islander Countywide Family Preservation Network;
 - Reimbursement for travel time; and
 - The Asian Pacific Older Adults Task Force.
20. Statement of Melinda Bird, Senior Council of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), requesting additional funding for law enforcement, specifically for the Sheriff's Department, as further detailed in her attached letter dated May 9, 2007.
 - Improve inmate to deputy staffing ratio to reduce violent assaults;
 - Explore the downsizing of the jail system through a population management study conducted by stakeholders in the criminal justice system; and
 - Reduce the charges of inmate phone calls, and
 - Provision of drug treatment for persons with mental health issues

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21. Statement of Sheriff Leroy D. Baca, regarding the Department's priority funding requests for Fiscal Year 2007-08 budget to provide for the following, as further detailed in his attached report dated May 9, 2007:
 1. Improved medical services within the County jails
 2. Additional jail beds at Pitchess Detention Center
 3. Funding for the Gang Emergency Operations Center
 4. Funding for additional deputy coverage in the Unincorporated Community Violent Crime Enforcement – Gang Task Forces during the summer months
 5. Support for psychological Counseling services
 6. Funding to legitimize unfunded overages of positions
 7. Funding for positions to cover the Unincorporated
 8. Funding for positions for Regional Community Policing Institute
 9. Funding for positions for COMNET (Community-Oriented Multi-agency Narcotics Team)
 10. Funding for new recruit/trainee and training costs (Supplies and Personnel)
 11. Unfunded leave of absences

During the testimony of Sheriff Baca, Supervisor Molina requested the Chief Administrative Officer to report back on the overcrowding in the inmate reception center, prior to Budget Deliberations scheduled for June 18, 2007.

22. Statement of Steve Cooley, District Attorney, requesting additional positions to staff the Department's five top areas of critical unmet needs, as further detailed in his attached testimony dated May 9, 2007:
 - 17 positions to staff five new courts;
 - 9 positions to investigate and prosecute personal identity theft and system intrusions;
 - 2 captain positions for the Bureau of Investigations organizational structure into five divisions;
 - 18 positions to staff the Lifer Hearings Division
 - 7 positions to staff the Juvenile Offender Intervention network program

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23. Robert Taylor, Chief Probation Officer, answered questions posed by the Board regarding various issues related to the Department as follows:
- the confiscation of weapons from gang members
 - the number of officers required to enforce probation terms
 - the need for an additional 10 disarmed positions
 - inadequate staffing resources
 - suitable placement program issues;
 - staff recruitment
 - overtime compensation

Following public testimony, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried (Supervisor Molina being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Received and filed and took under advisement various supplemental budget requests and comments made during the public budget hearings which commenced on May 9, 2007;
2. Made a finding that a notice of public budget hearings was given in accordance with Section 29080 of the Government Code, that said hearings commenced on the 9th day of May 2007 pursuant to said notice and as required by Section 29081 of the Government Code;
3. Closed the public budget hearings for purposes of oral testimony, finding that there are no persons who have not been given the opportunity to be heard; but to allow maximum public input, permit additional written testimony and requests to be filed through the close of business, Friday, May 18, 2007;
4. Reconfirmed that Budget Deliberations will begin on Monday, June 18, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

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Attachments (5)

c: Each Supervisor
Each Supervisor's Budget Deputy
All Department/District Heads